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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write you with concern over the recent settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I was happy to know that the settlement was finally reached, only to be disappointed when I learned that it is being even further scrutinized. After three years of litigation, it seems ridiculous that there should be any further hold up on this agreement.

At this point in time, there are many other topics to be concerned about in our nation. Spending our precious resources on an agreement that has already been under severe scrutiny seems ridiculous, compared to more recent issues. Beyond that, this settlement has already been extremely well monitored and serves the interest of all parties involved. It is time to let these terms speak for themselves and let our IT sector get back to business.

Let us not be the ones to delay the very process we initiated. Now that the technology industry has agreed to move forward in this fashion, let us allow them to do so. I ask that you help support this settlement in its current form.

Sincerely,


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